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ERNEST COOPER,

Plaintiff(s),

against

THE CITY OF NEW YORK,
P.O. CRAIG SMITH, SHIELD #724
P.O. DERICK RUSS, SHIELD # 4555
P.O. DANIEL TRIONE

Defendant(s).

: UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
: EASTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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: CASE No.: 15-CV-07066

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: (NGG) (RML)

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: CIVIL ACTION

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: FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT

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: PLAINTIFF DEMANDS

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: TRIAL BY JURY

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TAKE NOTICE, the Plaintiff, Ernest Cooper, hereby appears in this action by his attorneys, The Law Offices of O'keke & Associates, P.C., and demands that all papers be served upon him, at the address below, in this matter.

Plaintiff, Ernest Cooper, by his attorneys, The Law Offices of O'keke & Associates, P.C., complaining of the defendants, The City of New York, P.O. Craig Smith, Shield # 724, P.O. Derick Russ, Shield # 4555, P.O. Daniel Trione, Shield #, collectively referred to as the Defendants, upon information and belief alleges as follows:

NATURE OF THE ACTION

1. This is an action at law to redress the deprivation of rights secured to the plaintiff under color of statute,

ordinance, regulation, custom, and or to redress the deprivation of rights, privileges, and immunities secured to the plaintiff by the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, and by Title 42 U.S.C. § 1983 [and § 1985], [and arising under the law and statutes of the State of New York].

JURISDICTION

2. The jurisdiction of this Court is invoked under 28 U.S.C. §1343(3), this being an action authorized by law to redress the deprivation of rights secured under color of state and city law, statute, ordinance, regulation, custom and usage of a right, privilege and immunity secured to the plaintiff by the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States. Jurisdiction of this court exists pursuant to 42 USC §1983 and under the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
3. All causes of action not relying exclusively on the aforementioned federal causes of action as a basis of this Court's jurisdiction are based on the Court's supplemental jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367 to hear state law causes of action. The events, parties, transactions, and injuries that form the basis of plaintiff's federal claims are identical to the events, parties, transactions, and injuries that form the basis of plaintiff's claims under applicable State and City laws.
4. As the deprivation of rights complained of herein occurred within the Eastern District of New York, venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§1391 (b) and (c).

SATISFACTION OF THE PROCEDURAL PREREQUISITES FOR SUIT

5. All conditions precedent to the filing of this action have

been complied with. On May 23, 2015, within ninety days after the false arrest and other claims alleged in this complaint arose, a sworn written notice of claim was served upon the defendant, City of New York. The plaintiff's claim was assigned the number 2015PI015955 by the City of New York's Comptroller's office.

6. At least thirty days have elapsed since the service of the abovementioned notice of claim, and adjustment or payment of the claim has been neglected and/or refused.
7. This action, pursuant to New York State and City Law, has been commenced within one year and ninety days after the happening of the event upon which the claim is based.

PARTIES

8. Plaintiff resides in Brooklyn, New York and is resident of the State of New York.
9. The actions which form the underlying basis for this case all took place in the County of Kings, within the jurisdiction of the Eastern District of New York.
10. Defendants P.O. Craig Smith, Shield # 724, P.O. Derick Russ, Shield # 4555, P.O. Daniel Trione, Shield #, are police officers for the City of New York, acting under color of state law. They are being sued in both their individual and official capacity.
11. The Defendant, City of New York is a municipality in the State of New York and employs the Defendants Police Officers.

FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS COMMON TO ALL CAUSES OF ACTION

12. On or about May 6, 2015, at or about 12:30 P.M., plaintiff and two of his friends took plaintiff's mother's car to Grand Slam Wash and Gas Station located at South Conduit

Boulevard in Brooklyn, New York, to be washed. The car was being driven by one of plaintiff's friends while plaintiff was sitting at the back seat.

13. After the car was washed it was driven to the gas pump of the same Gas Station to be filled up with gas. At this point an unmarked police car pulled up behind the car plaintiff was occupying. Two uniformed police officers came out of the car. One police officer went to the driver's door and the other police officer approached the side of the car where plaintiff was sitting and asked plaintiff for his identification. Plaintiff presented his school identification. The police officer appeared offended and asked plaintiff why plaintiff held his identification in the officer's face. Before plaintiff could say anything the police officer smacked plaintiff in the face with his hand and asked plaintiff to get out of the car.
14. When plaintiff got out of the car the police officer ordered him to put his hands behind his back and plaintiff complied. Suddenly, the police officer threw plaintiff to the ground and started kicking plaintiff in the head and back. Plaintiff went in and out of consciousness as a result of the police officer's persistent assault.
15. The next thing plaintiff remembered was waking up in handcuffs and being put in a police squad car. Plaintiff asked to be taken to the hospital because he was bleeding from his head and mouth. Plaintiff was driven by the police officers to Brookdale University Hospital and Medical center in Brooklyn, New York. Plaintiff was diagnosed with head injury and treated at the hospital for about forty-five minutes to one hour before he was transported to the to the NYPD 75th Precinct.
16. At the NYPD 75th Precinct plaintiff was unlawfully

- searched, pedigreed and put in a cell in shackles without food and or drink or access to useable restroom facilities.
17. Plaintiff remained in the precinct for several hours, before he was transported to the Central Bookings Division of the Criminal Court in Kings County, New York at about 1 A.M. the next day.
 18. Plaintiff was then detained in a cell with numerous other detainees, where he was held for several more hours without food and or drink or access to useable restroom facilities.
 19. After several hours of detention at the Central Bookings Division of the Criminal Court, plaintiff was charged.
 20. Plaintiff was falsely charged with PL 240.20 01, Disorderly Conduct; PL 221.05 00, Unlawful Possession of Marihuana; PL 240.20 03 Disorderly Conduct; and PL 205.30 00 Resisting Arrest and was made to appear before a judge of the criminal court of Kings County Brooklyn, New York, where all charges against the plaintiff were Adjourned in Contemplation of Dismissal on May 7, 2015 and were dismissed.
 21. At no time did plaintiff commit any offense against the laws of New York City and or State for which an arrest may be lawfully made. At no time did the plaintiff engage in any conduct which in any way justified the brutal and unlawful actions of the police. At no time did the plaintiff possess any Marihuana or drug.
 22. On the date and at the time defendant police officers unlawfully arrested, searched and or detained/imprisoned plaintiff, they did not have a warrant or any lawful justification to do so.
 23. The decision to arrest the plaintiff was objectively unreasonable under the circumstances.
 24. While plaintiff was being detained, the defendants

individually and/or collectively completed arrest paperwork, in which they swore in part, that the plaintiff had committed a crime and/or offense.

25. The factual claims by the defendant officers were materially false and the defendant officers knew them to be materially false at the time they first made them, and every time thereafter when they repeated them.
26. That the defendant officers forwarded these false allegations to the Kings County District Attorney ("KCDA") in order to justify the arrest and to persuade the KCDA to commence the plaintiff's criminal prosecution.
27. That upon information and belief, the plaintiff was released only after the KCDA, declined to prosecute the plaintiff based upon the lack of probable cause that existed for the arrest and or prosecution of the plaintiff.
28. At no time prior to or during the above events was there probable cause to arrest the plaintiff, nor was it reasonable for the defendants to believe that probable cause existed.
29. At no time did any defendant take any steps to intervene in, prevent, or otherwise limit the misconduct engaged in by the defendants against the plaintiff.
30. The defendant officers intentionally and deliberately gave false statements and/or failed to file accurate or corrective statements, or otherwise failed to report the conduct of the defendants who engaged in the misconduct described herein as required.
31. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' actions, plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries, including but not limited to emotional distress, nightmares, and unwarranted severe anger bouts some or all of which may be permanent.

32. The false arrest of plaintiff, plaintiff's wrongful imprisonment because of defendants' knowledge of a lack of any legitimate cause or justification, were intentional, malicious, reckless and in bad faith.
33. As a direct and proximate result of defendants' actions, plaintiff was deprived of rights, privileges and immunities under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution and the laws of the City of New York and the State of New York.
34. Defendant City of New York, as a matter of policy and practice, has with deliberate indifference failed to properly sanction or discipline police officers including the defendants in this case, for violations of the constitutional rights of citizens, thereby causing police officers including defendants in this case, to engage in unlawful conduct.
35. Defendant City of New York, as a matter of policy and practice, has with deliberate indifference failed to sanction or discipline police officers including the defendants in this case, who are aware of and subsequently conceal violations of the constitutional rights of citizens by other police officers thereby causing and encouraging police officers including defendants in this case, to engage in unlawful conduct.
36. That the defendant City of New York was responsible for ensuring that reasonable and appropriate levels of supervision were in place within and over the NYPD
37. Defendant New York City had actual or constructive knowledge that there was inadequate supervision over and /or within the NYPD with respect to its members' abuse of their authority, abuse of arrest powers and other blatant violations of the United States Constitution and rules and

regulations of the NYPD. Despite ample notice and/or knowledge of inadequate supervision, defendants took no steps to ensure that reasonable and appropriate levels of supervision were put in place to ensure that NYPD members engaged in police conduct in a lawful and proper manner, inclusive of use of their authority as law enforcement officers with respect to the general public and specifically the plaintiff herein.

38. The defendant City of New York deliberately and intentionally chose not to take action to correct the chronic, systemic and institutional misuse and abuse of police authority by its NYPD employees and thereby deliberately and intentionally adopted, condoned and otherwise created through deliberate inaction and negligent supervision and NYPD policy, practice and custom of utilizing illegal and impermissible searches, arrests and detentions, and the manufacturing of evidence, in the ordinary course of NYPD business in flagrant disregard of the state and federal constitutions, as well as the Patrol Guide, up to and beyond plaintiff's arrest.
39. That all of the acts and omissions by the defendant officers described above were carried out pursuant to overlapping policies and practices of the municipal defendant in their capacities as police officers and officials pursuant to customs, policies, usages, practices, procedures and rules of the City and the NYPD, all under the supervision of ranking officers of the NYPD.
40. The existence of the unconstitutional customs and policies may be inferred from repeated occurrences of similar wrongful conduct, as documented in a long history of civil actions in state and federal courts.
41. In an Order dated November 25, 2009, in Colon v. City of

New York, 09 CV 0008 (EDNY), the court held that:

Informal inquiry by the court and among the judges of this court, as well as knowledge of cases in other federal and state courts, has revealed anecdotal evidence of repeated, widespread falsification by arresting police officers of the New York City Police Department. Despite numerous inquiries by commissions and strong reported efforts by the present administration—through selection of candidates for the police force stressing academic and other qualifications, serious training to avoid constitutional violations, and strong disciplinary action within the department—there is some evidence of an attitude among officers that is sufficiently widespread to constitute a custom or policy by the city approving illegal conduct of the kind now charged.

42. That on more than half of the occasions where the Civilian Complaint Review Board refers substantiated complaints against officers to the NYPD for disciplinary action, the NYPD either simply issues a verbal warning or drops the charges altogether.
43. That the defendant New York City has not only tolerated, but actively fostered a lawless atmosphere within the NYPD and that the City of New York was deliberately indifferent to the risk and the inadequate level of supervision would lead to violation of individuals constitutional rights in general, and caused the violation of plaintiff's rights in particular.
44. The actions of all defendants, acting under color of State law, deprived plaintiff of his rights, privileges and immunities under the laws and Constitution of the United

States; in particular, the rights to be secure in his person and property, to be free from the excessive use of force and from malicious prosecution, abuse of process, and the right to due process.

45. By these actions, defendants have deprived plaintiff of rights secured by the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution, in violation of 42 U.S.C. Section 1983.
46. This action has been commenced within one year and ninety days after the happening of the event upon which the claim is based.

**AS A FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION: AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT OFFICER FALSE
ARREST AND FALSE IMPRISONMENT UNDER 42 U.S.C § 1983/NEW YORK
STATE LAW**

47. By this reference, plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1 through 46 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
48. The arrest, detention and imprisonment of plaintiff were without just or probable cause and without any warrant or legal process directing or authorizing the plaintiff's arrest or subsequent detention.
49. As a result of plaintiff's false arrest and imprisonment, he has been caused to suffer humiliation, great mental and physical anguish, embarrassment and scorn among those who know him, was prevented from attending to his necessary affairs, and has been caused to incur legal expenses, and have been otherwise damaged in his character and reputation.
50. Consequently, plaintiff has been damaged and hereby demands compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial against each of the defendants, individually and

severally.

51. The defendant officers were at all material times acting within the scope of their employment, and as such, the defendant City is vicariously liable for the defendant officers acts as described above.
52. This action falls within one or more of the exceptions of the New York State Civil Practice Law and Rules §1602.

AS A SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT OFFICER:

EXCESSIVE FORCE UNDER 42 U.S.C § 1983

53. By this reference, the plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1 through 52 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
54. The level of force employed by one or more of the defendant officers was objectively unreasonable and in violation of the plaintiff's constitutional rights.
55. As a result of the aforementioned conduct of the defendant officers, the plaintiff was subjected to excessive force, resulting in serious and severe physical injuries.
56. As a consequence of the defendant officers' individual and/or collective actions as set forth above, the plaintiff suffered serious personal injuries, and his constitutional rights were violated. Plaintiff hereby demands compensatory damages and punitive damages, in the amount of to be determined at trial, against the defendant officers, individually and severally.

AS A THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT OFFICER:

UNLAWFUL SEARCH UNDER 42 U.S.C § 1983

57. By this reference, the plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1

through 56 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.

58. Following the plaintiff's arrest, the defendant officers searched and/or strip-searched and/or caused the plaintiff and/or his property to be searched and/or strip-searched, without any individualized reasonable suspicion that he was concealing weapons or contraband.
59. As a result of the foregoing, the plaintiff was subjected to an illegal and improper search and/or strip-search.
60. The foregoing unlawful search violated the plaintiff's constitutional right to privacy, as guaranteed by the Fourth, Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.
61. As a consequence of the defendant officers' individual and/or collective actions as set forth above, the plaintiff suffered a significant loss of liberty, humiliation, mental anguish, depression, and his constitutional rights were violated. Plaintiff hereby demands compensatory damages and punitive damages in an amount to be determined at trial, against the defendant officers, individually and severally.

AS A FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION: AGAINST EACH DEFENDANT OFFICER:

FAILURE TO INTERVENE UNDER 42 U.S.C § 1983

62. By this reference, the plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1 through 61 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
63. Each defendant officer had an affirmative duty to intervene on the plaintiff's behalf to prevent the violation to his constitutional rights, as more fully set forth above.
64. Each defendant officer failed to intervene on the plaintiff's behalf to prevent the violation of his

constitutional rights, despite having had a realistic and reasonable opportunity to do so.

65. As a consequence of the defendant officers' individual and/or collective actions, the plaintiff suffered loss of liberty, humiliation, mental anguish, depression, loss of wages from work, serious personal injuries, and his constitutional rights were violated. Plaintiff hereby demands compensatory damages and punitive damages, in an amount to be determined at trial, against the defendant officers, individually and severally.

AS A FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: FALSE ARREST, FALSE IMPRISONMENT, EXCESSIVE FORCE AND UNLAWFUL SEARCH PURSUANT TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 12, OF THE NEW YORK STATE CONSTITUTION

66. By this reference, the plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1 through 65 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
67. The above-described respective assault, battery, excessive force, false arrest, unlawful search, false imprisonment, detention and malicious prosecution of the plaintiff were without just or probable cause and without any warrant or legal process directing or authorizing the plaintiff's arrest, summary punishment, and subsequent detention.
68. As a result of the above-described assault, battery, excessive force, false arrest, unlawful search, false imprisonment, detention and prosecution, the plaintiff was caused to suffer loss of liberty, serious personal injuries, humiliation, great mental and physical anguish, embarrassment and scorn among those who know him; was prevented from attending to his necessary affairs, and has

been otherwise damaged in his character and reputation.

69. Consequently, the plaintiff has been damaged and hereby demands compensatory and punitive damages in an amount to be proven at trial against the defendant officers, individually and severally.
70. The defendant officers were at all material times acting within the scope of their employment, and as such, the defendant City is vicariously liable for the defendant officers acts as described above.

**AS A SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST THE DEFENDANT CITY OF NEW
YORK: MUNICIPAL LIABILITY UNDER 42 U.S.C § 1983**

71. By this reference, plaintiff incorporates each and every allegation and averment set forth in paragraphs 1 through 70 of this complaint as though fully set forth herein.
72. The defendant officers arrested and incarcerated the plaintiff in the absence of any evidence of criminal wrongdoing, notwithstanding their knowledge that said arrest and incarceration would jeopardize the plaintiff's liberty, well-being, safety and constitutional rights.
73. The acts complained of were carried out by the individual defendants in their capacities as police officers and officials, with the actual and/or apparent authority attendant thereto.
74. The defendant officers acted under color of law, in their official capacity, and their acts were performed pursuant to the customs, policies, usages, practices, procedures and rules of the City of New York and its police department.
75. The aforementioned customs, policies, usages, practices, procedures and rules of the City of New York and its police department include, but are not limited to the following unconstitutional practices:

- a. Wrongfully arresting individuals on the pretext that they Are/were involved in illegal vice transactions;
 - b. manufacturing evidence against individuals allegedly involved in illegal vice transactions;
 - c. unlawfully searching detainees and/or their property in the absence of any reasonable suspicion that said individuals were concealing weapons or contraband;
 - d. arresting innocent persons in order to meet "productivity" goals (i.e. arrest quotas); and
 - e. wrongfully and unreasonably brutalizing innocent members of the public, despite the lack of probable cause to do so.
76. The aforesaid event was not an isolated incident. The City and its police commissioner has been aware for some time, from lawsuits, notices of claim, complaints filed with the Civilian Complaint Review Board, and judicial rulings suppressing evidence and finding officers incredible as a matter of law, that a disturbing number of their police officers unlawfully search and seize citizens, bring charges against citizens with no legal basis, perjure themselves in charging instruments and testimony, and fail to intervene in and report the obviously illegal actions of their fellow officers. Nevertheless, the City and its police commissioner have allowed policies and practices that allow the aforementioned to persist.
77. For example, the well documented failures of the Civilian Complaint Review Board ("the CCRB"), a City agency, to substantiate obviously meritorious citizen complaints have gone uncorrected. The CCRB regularly finds complainants lack credibility based on the fact that such complainants have also brought lawsuits to remedy the wrongs they have experienced, a practice that often results in not substantiating the most serious charges brought to them. In

addition, the CCRB virtually never initiates their own findings of false statements against officers who have made false statements to the CCRB in their own defense, nor do they initiate findings that officers have failed to report their fellow officers' misconduct; thus, officers have no real incentive to come forward, or to testify truthfully at the CCRB. The CCRB has no enforcement mechanisms once making a finding against an officer; it can only make recommendations to the NYPD, once finding misconduct by an officer.

78. The NYPD, once receiving a substantiated complaint by the CCRB, fails to adequately discipline officers for misconduct. The NYPD Department Advocate, which is endowed with the responsibility of following up on substantiated CCRB charges, is understaffed and under-utilized. Furthermore, in the extraordinarily rare event, such as the matter at bar, that the CCRB substantiates a complaint and the Department Advocate proves the case in an internal trial against an officer, the police commissioner still maintains the power to reduce the discipline against such an officer, which has been done on many occasions.
79. Further, the City and its police commissioner have no procedure to notify individual officers or their supervisors of unfavorable judicial review of their conduct. Without this notification, improper search and seizure practices and incredible testimony go uncorrected.
80. Additionally, according to a report of the New York City Bar Association issued in 2000, the City and Kelly have isolated their law department from the discipline of police officers, so that civil suits against police officers for actions taken in their capacity as police officers have no impact on the officers' careers, regardless of the outcome

of the civil actions. Alan Hevesi, as New York City Comptroller, in 1999 reported that there was a "a total disconnect" between the settlements of even substantial civil claims and police department action against officers.

81. The existence of the aforesaid unconstitutional customs and policies may also be inferred from the admission by Deputy Commissioner Paul J. Browne, as reported by the media on January 20, 2006, that commanders are permitted to set "productivity goals".
82. Furthermore, the existence of the aforesaid unconstitutional customs and policies may also be inferred from the ruling (Docket entry 32) of the Court (Eastern District of New York), in the case(s) of Jose Colon v. City of New York, et al (09-cv-8) and Maximo Colon v. City of New York, et al (09-cv-9), wherein the Court stated, *inter alia*, that "*Informal inquiry by the court and among the judges of this court, as well as knowledge of cases in other federal and state courts, has revealed anecdotal evidence of repeated, widespread falsification by arresting officers of the New York City Police Department*", and that "*there is some evidence of an attitude among officers that is sufficiently widespread to constitute a custom or policy by the city approving the illegal conduct of the kind now charged*".
83. The aforementioned customs, policies, usages, practices, procedures and rules of the City of New York, constituted a deliberate indifference to the safety, well-being and constitutional rights of all defendants, including but not limited to the plaintiff; were the proximate cause of, and moving force behind, the constitutional violations suffered by the plaintiff as alleged herein, and deprived plaintiff of the following rights, privileges and immunities secured

to him by the Constitution of the United States:

- (a) The right of the plaintiff to be secure in his person and effects against unreasonable search and seizure under the Fourth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
 - (b) The right of the plaintiff not to be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law, and the right to the equal protection of the laws, secured to him by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States.
 - (c) The right to be free from unreasonable detention and/or continued detention without probable cause in that the plaintiff was detained.
 - (d) The right to be free from the use of excessive force.
84. As a result of the actions of the defendants, the plaintiff was deprived of his rights, privileges, and immunities secured by the United States Constitution, in particular, the Fourth, Fifth, and Fourteenth Amendments, in contravention of 42 USC §1983 and the laws of New York State, and New York City without just or legal cause when defendant City, by its employees and/or agents unlawfully arrested and imprisoned the plaintiff thereby depriving him of his liberty without due process of law.
85. The defendant officers were the actual agents of the defendant City of New York and were following the customs, practices, ordinances and/or regulations of the City of New York when they violated the plaintiff's constitutional and civil rights, and the City of New York is therefore responsible for their acts, and liable to the plaintiff for the damages he suffered.
86. The actual principal/agent relationship between defendant City and the defendant officers was created by the fact

they were employees of defendant City, and the City had the right to, and it did indeed regulate and control the activities and conduct of the defendant officers.

87. The defendant officers actions were vicious, wicked, cold-hearted, intentional, malicious, unwarranted and in violation of the law. The individual defendants had full knowledge that the charges made before the Court against the plaintiff were false and untrue.

AS A SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION AGAINST ALL DEFENDANTS: NEGLIGENCE

88. Plaintiff repeats and realleges paragraphs 1 through 87 as if each paragraph is repeated verbatim herein.
89. As a direct and proximate result of the negligent acts and/or omissions of the defendants as set forth herein, the plaintiff suffered physical injury, conscious pain and suffering, medical expenses, and mental anguish.
90. That by reason of the said negligence, the plaintiff suffered and still suffers bodily injuries, became sick, sore, lame and disabled and has remained sick, sore, lame and disabled since the aforesaid incident; has suffered great pain, agony and mental anguish and is informed and verily believes that he will continue to suffer for a long time to come and that said injuries are permanent; has suffered economic loss inasmuch as he was forced to, and is still forced to expend sums of money on medical treatment; that he was deprived of his pursuits and interests and verily believes that in the future he will continue to be deprived of such pursuits; and that said injuries are permanent. The defendant officers were at all material times acting within the scope of their employment, and as such, the City defendant is vicariously liable for the defendant officers acts as described above.

91. This cause of action, upon information and belief, falls within one or more of the exceptions of CPLR 1602.

WHEREFORE, plaintiff respectfully requests judgment against the Defendants as follows:

1. For compensatory damages against all defendants in an amount to be proven at trial;
2. For exemplary and punitive damages against all defendants in an amount to be proven at trial;
3. For costs of suit herein, including plaintiff's reasonable attorney's fees; and;
4. For such other and further relief as the court deems proper.

Dated: May 2, 2016
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